September 2006 Information Starfires Dance n' Cheer Teams

It is the pleasure of our staff & coaches to welcome you to the Stafires Dance n' Cheer program sponsored by the Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation Department. We are looking forward to a great year!

<u>HANDBOOK</u>: Please be certain that you have received a handbook. There are details on uniforms, measurement dates, payments, rules and other important information that everyone will need to read carefully. Please keep this handbook for reference!

<u>ORANGE FOLDER</u>: Each student should receive an orange folder to keep the handbook and all weekly update papers. Do not discard information until outdated.

<u>QUESTIONS</u>: Questions concerning classes or any information you do not find in the written material, may be directed to Terry Beverly 373-2297 or <u>starfirestjb@cox.net</u>.

<u>WEBSITE</u>: The website will carry all written information, plus any last minute announcements, uniforms for sale, any awards won by the groups, etc. <u>www.fredericksburgva.gov</u> click on parks & recreation then click on Starfires.

<u>PARKS & REC. CONTACT:</u> Any questions concerning uniforms or any fees that are paid to the City of Fredericksburg should be directed to Michelle Simpson at 372-1086 ext. 208 or <u>mrsimpson@fredericksburgva.gov</u>

<u>TAKE NOTE:</u> Payments for lesson fees & uniforms are all made to City of Fredericksburg at the front desk. All fees for optional items, entry fees & trophies are made to the Starfires, and should be given to Audrey, Melissa or Terry in the lobby.

ADDITIONAL COSTS: We want everyone to know "up front" that there are some costs, not listed in the handbook. Most are optional. 1) We will be ordering a "practice uniform" for those interested within the next couple weeks*(This outfit may be worn in the Dog Festival Parade. Occasionally, it may be needed when an official uniform is being altered.) This is an optional outfit, which may be worn to class. It is a skort & t-shirt, which will be the same color as the official uniforms. Approximate cost will be \$25. *Student will be notified of another choice for the Dog Festival.

2) When we attend a competition, there are entry fees due from each student. The fees can range from \$10 to \$25 per student, per performance. These will be collected ahead of time. 3) When a team wins at a parade or competition, there are optional individual trophies which can be purchased. Cost between \$9.00 to \$18.00.

3) Optional Items which may be ordered as gifts, etc. will be available within the next couple weeks: Starfires sweatshirts, sweatpants, duffle bags, jackets, etc. Audrey will be handling these items in the lobby, they are great, useful gifts! All of the above are payable to Starfires.

<u>PARENTS MEETING</u>: One of our staff will be available during class times (usually first half hour), to explain anything that is not yet clear.

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<u>TENTATIVE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES FOR 2006:</u> (Note: We have 2 Sunday events this year. It is unusual, most competitions are on Saturdays)

-<u>Sun. Oct. 1st</u> – Dog Festival Parade – Downtown Fredericksburg. Begins at Hurcamp Park at 12:00 noon. Details forthcoming.

-(This performance is not likely, however we will make a quick decision as to the readiness of each group. You will be notified.)

Sat. Oct. 28th – Competition at Stafford High School. Detail forthcoming.

-Sat. Dec. 2nd - Fredericksburg Christmas Parade- Downtown- Details forthcoming.

-<u>Sun. Dec. 10th</u> – Competition at Liberty High School, Rt. 17 North. Details forthcoming.

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